

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-48. (Canceled)

49. (Currently amended) A computer implemented method for ~~updating~~ creating a new return on investment template[[s]] from a default template and a plurality of modified templates, the new return on investment template calculating an amount of money a customer will spend for a process upgrade, the method comprising:

~~adjusting a modified template parameter value using an effectiveness factor and recording the modified template parameter value in a data list;~~

developing a data list from the plurality of modified templates and the modified templates' effectiveness factors, wherein the data in the modified templates is weighted according to the modified templates' effectiveness factors;

plotting the data list on a histogram, the histogram comprising an orthogonal axis for each parameter in the default template;

analyzing each parameter by performing steps comprising:

determining if the histogram contains more than one peak for a parameter;

responsive to a determination that the histogram contains one peak, updating a default template parameter value;

responsive to a determination that the histogram contains more than one peak, determining if the default template parameter value is within one standard deviation of a first histogram peak;

responsive to a determination that the default template parameter value is within one standard deviation of the first histogram peak, updating the default template parameter value using a data for the first histogram peak which is within one standard deviation of the default template parameter value, and analyzing any histogram peak that is not within one standard deviation of the default template parameter value; and

responsive to a determination that the default template parameter value is not within one standard deviation of any of the histogram peaks, analyzing a second histogram peak, and determining if a standard deviation for the second histogram peak is less than a template creation threshold;

responsive to a determination that the standard deviation for the analyzed second histogram peak is less than the template creation threshold, creating ~~[[a]]~~ the new return on investment template using an average determined by analyzing the second histogram peak; ~~[[and]]~~

~~wherein the default template parameter value is updated by averaging a modified template parameter value with the default template parameter value to obtain an updated template parameter value;~~

wherein the effectiveness factor of a template is based at least upon the accuracy of the applications in the template, the accuracy of the computers in the template, the accuracy of the customer's information technology infrastructure, and whether the customer made a purchase. ~~determined by comparing the modified template to the default template, increasing the effectiveness factor when a consultant does not have to modify a default template parameter value, and increasing the effectiveness factor when the default template accurately represents a company's processes~~